

ADEQ **Meeting Minutes**

Arizona Department
of Environmental Quality

Payson PCE and Tonto & Cherry Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site Community Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 13, 2007
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Community Development Building
303 Beeline Highway
Payson, Arizona

DRAFT MINUTES

Ref: PIOU #08-109

CAB Members Present: John Shoemaker, Roger Hatstrup

CAB Members Absent: Diane Sexton, Sean Meares, Damian Wiseman

ADEQ Staff in Attendance: Chris Gamache, ADEQ; Danita Hardy, Project Manager; Linda Mariner, Community Involvement Coordinator; Julie Riemenschneider, Remedial Projects Unit Manager

Members of the Public Present: Dorothy Ehrig, Gary Bedsworth, Chris Knapp

The following matters were discussed, considered, or decided at the meeting:

1. Welcome and Introductions-

Ms. Mariner called the meeting to order and introductions were conducted of attendees as listed in these minutes.

2. Introduction of New Project Manager

Ms. Danita Hardy was introduced.

3. Discussion and Voting on CAB Applications –

This was postponed due to lack of a quorum.

4. Acceptance and /or Changes to Minutes of April 10, 2007 meeting -

This CAB business was postponed due to lack of a quorum.

5. Distribution of 2007 WQARF Annual Registry Report –

Ms. Mariner explained and handed out the 2007 report.

6. Update on Semi-Annual Monitoring and Sampling Activities and Groundwater Treatment System Operations –

Payson PCE WQARF Site-

Ms. Danita Hardy went over her presentation that was provided to all in attendance. She reported that 55 groundwater samples were collected in September 2007. She stated that the sampling report is being prepared and will be placed in the repository. A map was available showing the September sampling results. Another map was presented that showed both the PCE plume from the discovery of the site and its current boundaries.

Mr. Shoemaker stated that the March 2007 sampling results were supposed to be available at this meeting and asked where they were. Mr. Gamache stated that the last groundwater trends (results) were the same or better than the March 2007 results. Ms. Hardy stated she could send those results to CAB members before the next CAB meeting. Historical trends were presented to the CAB members. Over the summer the treatment plant treated over 12 million gallons of water, and no MTBE was detected.

Ms. Hardy reminded the CAB that the Payson PCE Site is in the Record of Decision (ROD) phase of the WQARF process. Implementation of the ROD will be based on the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) recommendations. The remedy that was selected was pump and treat which will be monitored by semi-annual water level monitoring and annual water quality analyses. Copies of the historical data for the wells will be mailed to the CAB members. Ms. Hardy reported that for the Payson PCE Site the total amounts removed of PCE, TCE and MTBE are 493,812 lbs, 4.58 lbs and .06 lbs respectively.

Tonto and Cherry WQARF Site-

Ms. Hardy stated that the Remedial Investigation report (RI) and the Feasibility Study (FS) have been finalized and are in the repository. The PRAP is currently under review at ADEQ and will go out for comment when completed. CAB members will be notified and sent a copy of the report.

Mr. Bradsworth asked about some concentration amounts in Well DMW-140. Mr. Gamache explained the geology of the site and the numbers presented. The concentrations were much higher historically but the water quality standard is still being surpassed. Ms. Hardy further explained the chart showing well depths.

A public member noticed a western movement of the plume. Mr. Gamache explained the system was shut down for six months during which some contamination moved slightly west.

It was also asked if ADEQ had any concerns with future building on the WQARF site. Mr. Gamache stated there is not a big concern. A law now enables the State the ability to deny domestic wells installed within a WQARF area. Mr. Gamache stated there is no knowledge of surface contamination for building.

7. Record of Decision for Payson PCE Site -

Ms. Hardy reported the ROD has been approved and the site is in the Operation and Maintenance phase. This phase is estimated to continue until 2033.

8. Final Remedial Investigation Report and Final Feasibility Study Report for Tonto and Cherry Site –

This was covered in the previous presentation.

9. Proposed Remedial Action Plan for Tonto and Cherry -

This was also covered in the previous presentation. Mr. Gamache further explained the plan.

Ms. Hardy handed out information which showed the compounds required by state and federal law to be tested in drinking water as requested at the last CAB meeting. Mr. Gamache explained to the CAB that the Town of Payson (TOP) tests for MTBE even though it is not required. Mr. Shoemaker asked why they tested for it. Mr. Gamache explained in the past it was a concern, and both ADEQ and TOP test for the contaminant even though it is no longer a concern.

A public member asked if ADEQ or the Town of Payson sampled the well being drilled by Ms. Malinski. Ms. Hardy responded that ADEQ had just received an access agreement to do so.

A public member commented that even though many people do not know a lot about what is going on with the site, the work done is good and has helped out the Town.

10. Call to the Public-

None

11. Future Meeting Plans/Agenda Discussion

The CAB decided to hold the next meeting date in the early part of 2008. Comments received for the PRAP will be discussed at the next meeting. CAB members will be notified of the comment period.

12. Adjourn-

Mr. Shoemaker adjourned the meeting.